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BAPTISTS FACE HOPEFUL FUTURE IN ARGENTINA

(Editor's note: We present below the fourth in a series of reports made by Dr. Caudill after his recent tour of South America.) There are many signs of encouragement or Baptists in Argentina as one surveys the past, the present, and the future. At least that is the opinion of one veteran missionary, Dr. Robert F. Elder, who for more than 46 years has labored there as an ambassador of Christ.

This also represents the impression we received from Dr. F. M. Sewell, our oldest Southern Baptist missionary in point of service in Argentina.

PERSECUTION A BLESSING

True to the pattern of the first century persecution in Argentina has proved to be a blessing rather than a curse to Baptists. The political incriminations on the part of leaders of the opposing faith has served to awaken keen and active resentment on the part of the Nationals.

A growing dissatisfaction is to be observed on the part of many who have been erstwhile loyal adherents to the Roman Catholic Church. The citizens of Argentina are coming to realize that the witness and work of Evangelical Christians is a benediction both to their personal and national welfare.

ARGENTINA'S REAL WEALTH

Argentina's real wealth, however, lies not in her cattle and wheat, not in her corn and flax, not in the fathomless soil of her rich and spreading pampas. Her chief asset is her sons and daughters.

I met them on every hand, bright-faced youth ready to march with heroic loyalty under the banner of Jesus Christ, provided there is someone to lead them and inspire them. In every church I entered they were there—youth, everywhere. They were in the political gatherings too, carrying banners and shouting themselves

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PARKWAY MAKES RECORD 214 Enrolled In Study Class

Recently Parkway Church, Jackson, completed a church-wide training school with soul winning as its special emphasis.

The pastor, Dr. G. Norman Price, taught Soul Winning Doctrines. Two hundred fourteen church members were enrolled. At the close of the school 118 had met all requirements for credit on the book and others will receive credit after doing some additional work. These additional credits will make the total of awards for the week at least 130.

Available records show that this class has broken Mississippi Baptist records for enrollment and credits received in a single Sunday School Training class.

The Training School was under the direction of Miss Carolyn Madison, Superintendent of Training. Curtis Beard is the General Sunday School Superintendent.

Dr. Van Ness Passes Served S.S. Board 35 Years



DR. VAN NESS

By William P. Phillips

Dr. I. J. Van Ness, 87 and connected with the Baptist Sunday School Board for 35 years prior to his retirement because of age in 1935 died on February 13th at his home in Nashville. He was born in 1860 and died in 1947.

The best characterization of him would be that of an understanding leader. The prayer I have heard him say he most often made after he became executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board was, "Lord, make me big enough to work with other people and let them get the credit."

He served in their order as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville Editor of the (Georgia) Christian Index, editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board for 17 years and executive secretary-treasurer for 18 years to the time of his retirement, June 1935.

In any company in which Dr. Van Ness moved his presence provoked confidence. He was never insistent, but so often right that his colleagues feared to go counter to his ideas. He was never precipitate in action but always cautious, preferring to wait and give any matter time for fullest thought and consideration. Dr. Van Ness was a master executive, but never demanding. Only a suggestion was necessary to one of his department executives, so great was their confidence in their gentle and gracious leader. He was never pealous but rather delighted in the success of his associates, confirming his wisdom in their selection.

He was a master in the art of saying "Yes" or "No" without actually giving vocal expression to it. Many executives are not easily approachable. He was, in many ways the most disarming and approachable leader it has been my privilege to know. His "Open Door" policy was well known here and beyond. The door to the executive secretary's office was rarely seen closed. None was ever ill at ease in his presence. Never was he referred

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United States Supreme Court Decision Deplored

DECISION DEPLORED
By J. M. DAWSON, Executive Secretary, Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations; Baptists of the United States.

At the Spring meeting with the largest attendance in its history present, representative Baptists from over the Nation, adopted the following paper signed by Dr. Louie D. Newton, President of the Southern Baptist

Convention; Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Director of Public Relations for the Northern Baptist Convention and this writer:

The five-to-four decision of the Supreme Court which upheld a New Jersey School Board providing funds for the bus fare of Catholic pupils attending parochial schools is viewed with great seriousness by the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations of the Baptists of the United States, meeting in session today, February 11, in Washington, D. C. We feel that the majority opinion must be acknowledged as turning back the hands of the clock as far as religious liberty and the separation of church and state are concerned in these United States.

We deplore this opinion and are convinced that it will divide the people of the nation at a time when unity is greatly needed. In view of the religious heritage of America, which Associate Justice Black so eloquently reviewed, the decision is all the more to be deplored.

As Baptists of the United States we are resolved that the struggle for religious liberty, in terms of the separation of church and state, must be continued. Having lost a battle, we have not lost the war. We feel that the decision will, in many ways, help to clarify the whole church-state issue if reviewed in light of the Constitution and our religious heritage. This will be particularly true when similar bills are brought before the Supreme Court. We have the conviction that the cause of religious freedom is an invincible one, and we stand unalterably opposed to the use of public funds for the support of private and church schools now, and at any time in the future.

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MISSIONARY SAYS GIFT PACKAGES TO JAPANESE ARE COMING THROUGH

Edwin B. Dozier, Southern Baptist missionary, writing from Tokyo December 30, acknowledges the food packages being received by Japanese Christians in response to the appeal he made through this paper in October.

"Tell the people that packages are coming through, although the recipients may not have acknowledged them, and foods especially are appreciated," Missionary Dozier said. "The packages bring a great deal of joy and relief."

Starvation is rare now, Mr. Dozier reports, but death from malnutrition is very common among the aged and the children, showing the results of the lack of vitamins and essential foods. Another serious food crisis is expected from March until September, after the present supply of rice in Japan is exhausted.

Mr. Dozier urges Southern Baptists to increase their efforts now in order to help relieve severe suffering throughout the spring and summer. Names and addresses of Japanese Baptist families are available upon request

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oarse—I saw them time and again. At my last service in Buenos Aires, on Saturday night, seventy of them came forward and stood about the pulpit with bowed heads weeping as they pledged to lay their all on the altar for Christ. Space forbids me here to describe the service (I hope to do so elsewhere) but it was one of the most moving scenes I have ever witnessed.

RIVER PLATE ASSOCIATION

The River Plate Association, composed of the churches of Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina, has 118 churches with about 7,500 members. Serving among these churches are 43 Southern Baptist missionaries. This is significant in view of the fact that our work in Argentina did not begin until 1903, and that in Uruguay and Paraguay still later.

In the association is a Seminary, a publishing house (both of which are located in Buenos Aires), and a Training School for girls (in Rosario).

The Seminary has a faculty of nine who give either or whole time to teaching. Five of these are nationals and four are missionaries. Missionary W. L. Cooper of Mississippi is the president, having been elected by the Education Board of the Association which is composed of 24 members elected annually by the Association (19 of these are Nationals). Baptisms in the Association for 1945 totaled some 493.

INDIGENOUS CHURCHES

Baptist work in Argentina apparently rests on the principle that major responsibility should be placed, wherever possible, upon the shoulders of the National brethren. This is reflected in the Education Board of the River Plate Association, and in the fact that the previous president of the Seminary was a National. In this way, if it should ever become necessary for Baptist missionaries to retire, the work would still go on. Bible-taught, Christ-centered indigenous churches cannot be destroyed.

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THE WASHINGTON REVIEW
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Constitution as herein amended."

The Rev. A. J. McFarland, of Topeka, Kan., has been speaking throughout the Middle West and in the South in favor of the amendment, of which he is the father. A monthly newspaper, *The Christian Patriot*, is being published in Topeka to further passage of the amendment.

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES

There are rumors here that several more important denominations are considering appointment of Washington representatives.

The Rev. Robert Van Dusen, pastor of the Lutheran Service Center here, in a speech to the National Lutheran Council in Detroit, urged the appointment of such representatives by Protestant groups. He asserted that federal agencies would welcome, rather than resent, such church representation in the capital.

The past three years have seen the number of church representatives here grow from one to 12. It's believed certain that 1947 will see the addition of at least five more "religious lobbyists." (Editor's note: Dr. J. M. Dawson is the Baptist representative in Washington.

MISCELLANEOUS: The two principal lobbyists of the National Association of Manufacturers here are paid



So many people have expressed an interest in the airplane we fly we are presenting herewith the message carried on the fuselage of this plane. THE GOSPEL FLYER is the name of it. An appropriate message for a Christian anywhere and all the time is "Jesus Saves" (Matthew 1:21). Several churches purchased the plane for our work and it is altogether appropriate that the names and locations of these churches be carried.

We recently took aloft some of the preachers in attendance upon the Preachers' School at Philadelphia. Some of our people would never otherwise have the opportunity of flying. They deserve the best, and it is a joy to us always to give a little lift here and there.

more in salaries each year, according to reports to Congress, than all the so-called "religious lobbyists" registered put together. Myron C. Taylor, the President's special representative to the Vatican, is still in the U.S. and still refuses to comment on whether there will be a change in his status.

BODYGUARD-CLERGYMAN

Walter A. Haman, the former secret service man who helped guard both the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman, before resigning to become an evangelist, prefaches his sermons today by showing photos of the trips he took as a presidential bodyguard. They reveal that he went on the missions to Cairo, Teheran, Yalta and San Francisco, plus campaign trips to New York and Philadelphia.

"Before each trip with President Roosevelt or President Truman, I prayed that nothing would happen so we could do our job of bringing the nation's Chief Executive back to the White House without harm," he says. "My prayers were answered, thank God."

When Mr. Truman learned early in 1946 that Mr. Haman was resigning to become a full-time minister, he called the guard into his executive office and bade him good luck.

Mr. Haman attended the Columbia Bible School at Asheville, N. C., and took additional training at King's College, New Castle, Del., before going into the pulpit regularly. He gave his first sermon here recently at the National Tabernacle, of which he has been a member since 1940. He is a native of Philadelphia.

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from the Baptist World Alliance, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington 1, D.C. The local postoffice can furnish full instructions for shipping.

Gift parcels must not exceed eleven pounds in weight. Only sturdy cardboard boxes securely packed arrive in good condition. Mr. Dozier suggests that salt, a very scarce item, be placed in a can, and that flour and sugar be sacked in cloth rather than paper

bags, before they are packed in the carton.

Contents of gift parcels are limited to essential relief items: non-perishable foods (tinned meats are valuable) soap, mailable medicines, and clothing. Post cards are also accepted for mailing, and may carry a Christian message of concern, written in English, to the Japanese family who is to receive a parcel.

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DR. VAN NESS PASSES

(Continued from Page One) to as the "Boss." He was more like a father and friend: In our weekly devotionals for the Board family inaugurated by him, as he sat in the midst and directed them each Friday morning, it was not unlike a family gathered at the dinner table about the father at the head.

One of his joys in his church was a class of men which he delighted to teach.

It was during Dr. Van Ness's administration soon after becoming executive secretary that the department organization of the Board was effected. In order to bring about a greater spirit of cooperation and understanding, Dr. Van Ness inaugurated what has become an annual conference of state Sunday School and Training Union secretaries. Perhaps his greatest pride in accomplishment while executive secretary was the inauguration of our present great book store chain which now includes more than thirty book stores in twenty states.

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SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Pastor J. W. Sturdivant writes that at Merigold there have been additions to the church every month for seventeen months straight with one exception, which was the month of Jan. They continue to baptize right on through the winter.

The Clinton W. M. U. has contributed \$1,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Dr. Chester E. Swor, Jackson, recently closed a "Spiritual Emphasis Week" at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Ark., Bruce H. Price, pastor. The membership reports it to be one

of the greatest weeks of its kind in the history of the church.—Mrs. Eula Howell, Church Secretary.

Mississippians should be interested in the dedication and formal opening of Lipsey Hall of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Tuesday, February 11. The building is named for Dr. P. I. Lipsey who was one of the very first to suggest a theological school in New Orleans and who has been the president of the Board of Trustees since the organization of the school.

WHEN ADULTS ARE REACHED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES ARE MADE BETTER is the subject of an interesting article in the March issue of the Sunday School Builder by Dr. Chester E. Swor of Jackson, Mississippi.

John A. Farmer, formerly associate Sunday School secretary in Mississippi, a native Mississippian and until recently Sunday School and Brotherhood secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California has resigned that work and accepted the position of Brotherhood secretary in South Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Frye of Venus, Texas, are welcoming a new daughter as of January 30. She weighed 8 1/2 lbs. and her name is Sarah Frances. The father is a native of Blue Mountain and one of the few men graduates of that well-known women's school. The mother is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Abney of Marianna, Fla.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Mrs. J. O. Ward, Jackson; Carroll Cartin, Laurel; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Rev. Joe T. Odle, Gulfport; Rev. Joe H. Royalty, Clinton; Rev. Arthur H. Leslie, Clinton; H. A. Leslie, Grenada; Rev. Wm. Henry Buckler, Chaplain, Miss. V. F. W.; Rev. Jewel H. Kyzer, Laurens, South Carolina; Rev. N. S. Jackson, Jackson; J. A. Patridge, Winona; Dr. Chester M. Savage, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Mattie Lou Ben, Carthage; Miss Fannie Sam, Walnut Grove; Miss Helen Ben, Carthage; Rev. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia; C. H. Bunday; Miss Flo Matthews, Jackson; Mrs. B. B. Richardson, Jackson.

Miss Carolyn Madison of the Sunday School Department taught Building a Standard Sunday School at Sidon Church the week of February 16-20. One of the goals for 1947 is to reach the standard by April first. The goal had previously been set for May first. Cooperative Program gifts through the church budget have been increased a third.—C. J. Olander, pastor.

Grenada First Baptist is using a large bus to provide transportation for people in nearby communities to attend church. The bus is also used by the Brotherhood in doing work in the association and for members attending conferences at various places.

At his request, the First Baptist Church at Brookhaven released Dr. Leo Green from his agreement to come as their pastor. Dr. Green came to the conclusion that it was a mistake for him to leave the Seminary, and the church consented to his request as stated in a very gracious letter.

The Simpson County Association has provided a duplex on the Clarke College campus, in which four preacher families have been given schooling opportunity. Two of these were from Simpson County. The good work will continue through the years ahead.

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THE DOROTHY PAGE STORY IS OMITTED THIS WEEK FOR LACK OF SPACE. IT WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

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An Important Committee

Most of us have forgotten it, but last year at the Miami meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention a committee was named to study the problems of duplicating, overlapping, and, as some contend, over-organization in our churches.

The Committee was instructed to study "the organizational needs of our churches with respect to their activities; to define the functions and the sphere of each organization; to prepare in the light of experience and need suggestions as to changes or additions; and to report to the 1947 session of the Convention their findings and recommendations".

We hereby extend our sympathy to the committee. Their task is a hard one and will cause much criticism. Just as a crow thinks her young ones are the blackest, so will every organization feel that their organization is very essential.

We agree that there is overlapping, but after racking our brain and scratching our head, have been unable to single out any organization that should be eliminated. If the Committee can do so, we are for them. And if any Committee can solve this difficult problem the present one can. One of Mississippi's finest pastors, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, is a member. Other members are: G. S. Dobbins, J. M. Price, A. E. Tibbs, W. O. Carver, W. L. Howse, Ellis A. Fuller, E. D. Head, Roland Q. Leavell, Louie D. Newton, J. G. Hughes, Carlton Prickett, R. E. Humphries, T. V. McCall, Wallace Bassett, John Hughston, J. Marshall Walker, Willis E. Howard, and Henry M. Melton.

May we urge that the Committee publish its recommendations well in advance of the Convention which meets in St. Louis on May 7. To wait until the Convention convenes, and present its recommendations and expect the messengers to vote intelligently with

out time for careful consideration is expecting too much.

Let's do a lot of praying for these brethren. They need it.

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A Well-Earned Retirement

In the February 6 issue of the Baptist Record the Relief and Annuity Board announced the retirement of Dr. Thos. J. Watts, who has served the Board for 22 years, 20 as Executive Secretary. We do not now recall any south-wide secretary who served so long except the late Dr. B. D. Gray, who was secretary of the Home Mission Board for 25 years.

During the secretaryship of Dr. Watts, the Relief and Annuity Board has made unparalleled progress. Assets have increased many times. From a few pastors in the Old Annuity Plan, the Board now protects thousands of pastors, missionaries, pastors, wives and widows, and state and south-wide workers. And in addition, the amount for relief has been increased both in amounts and in the number of beneficiaries. As Dr. Watts retires he leaves a great, honored and stable institution with assets of almost \$11,000,000. That is success in any language.

In the years to come even greater things should be accomplished by the Relief and Annuity Board because a good man follows a good man. Dr. Walter H. Alexander, who has been serving as Associate Secretary, has been elected as Dr. Watt's successor. He knows the work, he has served as a pastor and has the confidence of Southern Baptists.

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The Cooperative Program It Enables Me To Support All Causes

The Cooperative program enables the smallest giving Baptist to give to all causes and to share in the accomplishments of all agencies.

We do not give to the Cooperative Program but THROUGH the Cooperative Program. As indicated last week, "The Cooperative Program is the best PLAN we know for the support of God's work here on earth.

Before the development of the Cooperative Program we used what was called the Special Collection method. One month was Foreign Missions month, another Home Missions Month, another Orphanage Month, another State Mission Month etc. Very little was given for the various objects except in the month set aside for that object.

Instead of supporting the various objects according to their needs they were dependent on: The

weather, the month assigned them, the tear-jerking ability of the field representative and the amount given to the object which was featured the month before.

Thousands of dollars was spent in interest anticipating receipts during the special month assigned but which sometimes did not arrive because of some of the reasons named above.

Supporting all the objects, not one or two pets, through the Cooperative Program, I can take pride in the deeds of all agencies. When I read of a marvelous meeting by some missionary, home, foreign or state, I can rejoice because I know that in supporting our Baptist work through the Cooperative Program, I am a fellow helper in all that our missionaries do either at home or abroad. As I pass our Orphanage and see the fine group of boys and girls, I can exclaim, "Lord, what a promising family we are rearing here."

Mingling with the 1,042 men and women who are students at Mississippi College, we can say, "Thank you Lord, for letting me share in educating these young men and women who are going to be the leaders of Mississippi affairs in the years to come." Visiting Blue Mountain College or Clarke College we can view and interview the young men and women and realize that as a part of what we give through the Cooperative Program goes to support those worthy institutions, we are having a share in educating some of the finest young men and women of our state and that in so doing we are helping to train better leaders for tomorrow.

Looking over the list of noble and sacrificing pastors, who are being aided by State Mission money, we can rejoice in the fact that as we contribute through the Cooperative Program we are having a share in aiding every one of these faithful servants of God. The same is true of the many church buildings over the state which are being aided by State Missions. Every contributor through the Cooperative Program has a small share in every one of these church buildings.

Space prevents naming all the other objects at length, but to put it briefly, in addition to the above objects, by contributing through the Cooperative Program I am helping to support Negro work, Indian work, the BSU, the BTU, the Sunday school work, Institutional work, the WMU, pastoral evangelism, the Brotherhood, the Music department, associational missions, temperance promotion, hospitals, the Seminaries and the WMU Training school.

In other words, by giving through the Cooperative Program

I make one offering each Sunday and that offering is used to aid in promoting all the work of Mississippi Baptists in the home church, in the state, in the South and throughout the world. I am for the Cooperative Program for it enables me to be a part of all that is being done for the glory of God. And it enables me to have justifiable pride as a Baptist for my gifts are helping to preach and promote the Gospel unto the far corners of the earth.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

Is Your Pastor Going?

Is your pastor going to the Baptist World Alliance?

We trust that he wants to go, and that perhaps he is holding back in his decision because of finances. The cost of the trip is estimated at less than \$1,000, but few pastors of our acquaintance have that money available. And likely too, even more money will be needed if his wife also attends the meeting.

No pastor will be able to attend the World Congress or even to associate with fellow Baptists on the trip without becoming a better Baptist and a better pastor. Certainly every church will profit by its pastor going to Copenhagen.

Many churches have included the Alliance trip in their 1947 budget, and told their pastor to make plans to attend. Others are handling the matter as a special item, and in still others certain laymen are personally "giving" the trip to their pastor. Is your pastor going?—Arkansas Baptist

LAUDERDALE WOMEN HAVE EXCELLENT STUDY COURSE

The women of Lauderdale Association, 125 strong, enjoyed a series of studies led by Mrs. George Davis of Orangeburg, S. C., in the book she has revised, "Guide or Community Missions," February 3-5.

Following this outstanding series, a council was formed, composed of community mission chairmen from the various circles and the W. M. U. young people's leaders. The council will meet monthly until the work is well established. The series was under the leadership of the Baptist women in the county. Mrs. H. C. Parker is the community missions associational leader.

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The Southern Baptist Handbook for 1946 is now available and may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store for \$1.50. Compiled by Porter W. Routh, Secretary of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board, the Handbook contains 450 pages of valuable information. Included in the book are detailed directories of state and south-wide boards and agencies, a roster of Southern Baptist ministers, and a full listing of home and foreign missionaries. A complete picture of Southern Baptist work is presented in the comprehensive facts and figures arranged in this one volume.



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

SUMMER FIELD WORKERS



Left to right, top row, Paul G. Fisher, Miss Marguerite Hunter; below, Rev. J. A. Terrell, John Swanner.

Paul G. Fisher of Pennsylvania studied music, band, orchestra and chorus in high school. His senior year he took the title role in the Glee Club's production of the opera, "Faust" sang in the All-State High School Chorus under Noble Cain as instructor, attended Ernest William's summer camp majoring in theory and cornet, enrolled in Lebanon Valley College Conservatory of Music majoring in the field of music education. Throughout his college life he has participated in all phases of music—band, Symphony orchestra, chorus, and glee club. This glee club tours the eastern part of the county annually.

During the war he was stationed most of the time in Nashville, Tennessee and Plattsburgh, New York, where he was cornet soloist in the Post Chapel Choir as well as the local First Baptist Church Choir.

This past summer Fisher attended Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee, studying band, orchestra and chorus. At present time he is playing First French horn with the professional Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and previously played with the Ringgold Band of Reading, Pennsylvania, and the Reading Symphony Orchestra and sang with the Bach Oratical Society of Reading.

Miss Marguerite Hunter of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, will graduate in June with a B. M. degree in Public School Music. Her father is a retired

minister of Aberdeen, Mississippi. Miss Hunter has had wide experience in church work and music programs from her school days until the present time. Her voice teacher, Miss Ruth Miller, of Baylor University, says that Miss Hunter has more than average musicianship and that she is a very promising student and following her summer's work will make some school in Mississippi a fine public music teacher and church choir director.

Rev. J. A. Terrell has a certificate from the New Orleans Seminary, has had private instruction under Mrs. Lilian Baugh, who was at one time head of the music department of Hillman College, has had piano and voice under Mrs. J. D. Ellsworth, who was head of the music department of McComb City High School. Rev. Terrell taught several schools of music in the state last year.

John Swanner has a certificate in violin from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; a B. M. degree in theory from University Extension of Chicago Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois; taught band for past two years in Charleston, Mississippi and directed the choir in the church; taught band at the Union University, Jackson Tennessee and at Northwest Junior College, Senatobia, Mississippi. Mr. Swanner taught for us all last summer.

Already we are finding a crowded schedule from June 16 — July 16.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

PHILADELPHIA, LINCOLN COUNTY, MAKES PROGRESS

Philadelphia Church, Lincoln County Association, is one of the progressive rural Baptist churches of Mississippi. The church has full time services and supports all Baptist causes.

Mrs. Elmer Durr, acting church treasurer, recently sent the renewal list for the Baptist Record. The church has had the EVERY FAMILY Plan for years and feels that it is well worth the small cost.

A pastor's home is now under construction.

Baptist Record readers in Lincoln County are now listed as follows: BIG SPRINGS 14, BETHEL 23, BROOKHAVEN FIRST 449, CLEAR BRANCH 20, FAIR RIVER 38, Fairview 1, FRIENDSHIP 53, GUM GROVE 42, HEUCKS RETREAT 48, HOLLY SPRINGS 27, Little Bahala 9, MISSION HILL 26, MONTGOMERY 55, MOAK'S CREEK 74, MT. MORIAH 50, MT. PLEASANT 55, Mt. Zion 7, NEW PROSPECT 41, NEW SIGHT 28, PEARLHAVEN 55, PHILADELPHIA 19, PLEASANT GROVE 62, PLEASANT HILL 45, RUTH 31, Shady Grove 1, WELLMAN 58, BOGUE CHITTA 43, Macedonia 7, Union Hall 10, Calvary 5.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST PRESS ASSOCIATION

We recently attended the annual mid-winter meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at Long Beach, California. Regardless of the long distance and travelling time required (72 hours), the meeting was both pleasant and profitable.

The program committee composed of editors C. E. Bryant (Arkansas), L. A. Myers (Missouri), and W. O. Taylor (Tennessee) had prepared a good program.

We made two addresses on the following topics: "History of the Baptist Record" and "Maintaining Clean Subscription Rolls". We were also asked to speak extemporaneously on "Printing Prices and Overcoming the Paper Shortage".

Most of the editors reported a deficit or a good sized appropriation. They seemed surprised when told that the Baptist Record without an appropriation and a subscription rate lower than most except one or two with few and small pages had made

About 30 schools are definitely lined up for these summer field workers and many others dated tentatively. Let us warn you again if you expect a school of music this summer at the time you want it, we must have your request within the next week, as our teaching force is limited.

When you write us concerning a school, tell us the exact date you want the school and that your church will pay the teacher \$35 for a week's school. By doing this you will save much correspondence and time.

We have a place for four schools the week of June 9-13 and for six schools the week of June 16 — 20, two schools for the week of June 23 — 27 and 2 schools the week of July 7-11 and two schools for July 14 — 18. This shows that we can only schedule 16 more schools between now and July 21. Those 16 will probably be filled within the next two weeks. Write today! Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

The annual of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1946 came from the press and was distributed to our people in December. The volume carries a picture in its opening page of the late Dr. J. T. Henderson who for many years was the Executive Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. Also, toward the center of the book are attractive pictures of Dr. Hight C. Moore, secretary of the Convention, 1914-1946; and Dr. J. Henry Burnett, secretary, 1919-1946. Both of these men are honored and beloved North Carolinians. Porter Routh and Joe Burton are the new secretaries of the Convention. The secretaries are to be congratulated for the good work done in getting out this new annual. The volume contains 689 pages, a veritable storehouse of interesting and valuable information about all phases of Southern Baptist work. Pastors and church leaders should form the habit of making much use of this book in getting up talks on various phases of our work.

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Dr. Joseph Triplett, a native of West Point and graduate of Mississippi College, who has been pastor at Crossfield, Maryland, has accepted a call to become pastor of Siloam Church, Marion, Alabama.

Mississippians will be interested to learn that Rev. Roe Wilson, native of McComb and graduate of Mississippi College, has been called as associate pastor of First Church, Columbia, Kentucky. Dr. W. H. Moody is pastor.

Nineteen forty-six was a good year for Immanuel, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Rev. Victor H. Coffman is pastor. There were 155 additions and \$50,000 in contributions, \$14,000 of which went for missions.

On Wednesday evenings the five films showing the story of Paul's life proved very inspiring at First Baptist Church in Grenada. The testimonials called for by Pastor Glen E. Wiley add to the atmosphere on these occasions.

The General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention has voted to send Executive Secretary M. A. Huggins to the Baptist World Alliance.

a profit of over \$17,000 in 1946.

The Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries also met at Long Beach and on Wednesday night met in joint session with the editors. Both groups were guests of Editor Floyd Looney of the California Southern Baptist and Dr. A. F. Crittenden, Executive Secretary of the California General Association of Southern Baptists.

Impressions of California Southern Baptists and the West will be treated in other articles.

HOW NOT TO DO IT

To any pastor who does not wish his church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan we quote below from a letter written by one of our county missionaries. The course followed by the pastor mentioned in the letter is guaranteed to keep a church from doing anything about the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The letter follows:

"Last Sunday I presented the EVERY FAMILY Plan to _____ Church. They were to vote on it today (Sunday). But they did not bring it up. A member mentioned it to the pastor. He replied, I'm for the Baptist Record and wish everyone of our families would take it. But it got no further. He didn't mention it to the church. It may take a while to do it, but if I stay around here long every church in our Association will have the EVERY FAMILY Plan."

Home Mission Season Of Prayer Observance March 3-5

Theme for the Week: "Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood"
 Southwide Goal: for OFFERING: \$500,000
 Mississippi Goal: \$30,000

My APPEAL to Woman's Missionary Union

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary

It is a SOURCE of joy and encouragement to all of us who are connected with the Home Mission Board to know that the Annie Armstrong Offering for 1946 had reached the unprecedented figure of \$516,436.91 by the middle of August. I want to thank every society, every young people's organization and every individual, that participated in this splendid offering, for the confidence and interest which you have ever manifested in our home mission program.

Never was there a greater challenge to emphasize home missions than there is today. World conditions make it imperative that the United States re-consider her debt to Christ and redouble her efforts to make Him known in all the world. He cannot be introduced to a needy world by those who have never known Him at home.

We cannot give the world something which we do not have. If America—and the south in particular—are to be mighty forces in evangelizing the world, we must be faithful in Christianizing our own people. A Japanese on the west coast needs Christ as badly as a citizen of Japan. A Negro here hungers for eternal life even as the black man of Africa. The thrill of distance should not blind our eyes or deafen our ears to the call of those in our very midst.

Often we in America take Christianity for granted. We fail to ask "How Christian is America?" We have more than 50,000,000 people in our Southern Baptist Convention territory. Half of these are unchurched and fully 22,000,000 have come to the years of accountability without Christ. A soul without Christ in the homeland is just as much lost as the soul of the most isolated heathen in all the world. Thousands of the foreign-speaking people, the Jews, the Indians, the underprivileged, the mountain peoples and the thronging multitudes of our cities have never heard and understood the plan of salvation. "How can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach except they be sent?"

We have missionaries ready and waiting if we had the money to send them. An enlarged program always calls for more buildings and equipment. In some fields these capital improvements are essential to effective work and in many, many fields they are badly needed. We need more work among our mountain peoples. We need some missionaries among the migrants. We need many more Negro Centers. We have had many calls for more Good Will Centers and more work among the underprivileged. Every department of our work should be undergirded and strengthened.

Your gifts in the Annie Armstrong Offering will help to meet these needs. Many of them are included in your goal. Others will doubtless be supported from your gifts not yet collected. God has been wonderfully good to us who live in America. I think He is counting very much on southern Baptists. He is counting on Woman's Missionary Union. As in the past, so now you will prove the sincerity of your love for Christ by your generosity.

FIVE PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT SPANISH SPEAKING MISSIONS

by

LOYD CORDER

Supt., Spanish Dept., Home Mission Board

1. There are 1,750,000 Spanish speaking people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Less than five per cent of these know Jesus as Savior. Only about one per cent of them are Baptists.

2. We have a strong Mexican Baptist Convention in Texas, where 1,000,000 Mexican people live. Also we have a good Spanish-American Baptist Convention in New Mexico. Each of these conventions is fully organized along the lines of the state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

3. The statistics from those conventions show the Spanish speaking people have been winning and baptizing approximately three times as many persons in proportion to membership as the Southern Baptist Convention.

4. Our per capita gifts among the Spanish speaking people are now more than three times as much as they were four years ago. They are at present very slightly less than the average for Southern Baptists as a whole.

5. Our greatest needs in this field

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver Passes

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, well known and widely respected Baptist minister, passed away Jan. 31 at Washington, D. C., and was buried at Frankfort, Ky.

Born near Greensboro, N. C., June 3, 1870, he was the son of Preston DeKalb and Elizabeth Forbis Weaver. He attended school in the winter and farmed in the summer until fourteen years of age, when his parents moved to Greensboro. There the young man learned the printer's trade for four years and became a newspaper reporter and Y. M. C. A. secretary, working at off hours while he attended public school in Greensboro.

His varied life as a boy gave him good background for college work at Wake Forest, where he graduated in 1893 with the A. B. and M. A. degrees. From 1893 to 1896 he was pastor of Salem Street Church at High Point, N. C. In the autumn of 1896 he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving the Th.M. in 1898 and the Th.D. in 1899. While there he was editor-in-chief of the Seminary magazine. He later took special courses in psychology and philosophy at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Cincinnati, following which time he was pastor at Forks of Elkhorn Church near Frankfort, where he met and later married (in 1911) Mrs. Charlotte Mason Payne.

Other professional assignments were with: First Baptist Church, Middletown, Ohio; Brantley Church, Baltimore, Md.; Mt. Auburn Church, Cincinnati; Immanuel Church, Nashville; Secretary of Christian Education of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; President of Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Corresponding Secretary, Education Board, Southern Baptist Convention; Chancellor, Mercer University System of Education and Secondary Schools; Professor of Religious Education, Bible Department, Vanderbilt University; President, Education Board of Tennessee Baptist Convention; President, Southern Baptist Educational Association;

are for 500 more trained missionaries and \$1,000,000.00 for more adequate church buildings if we are to do what the Lord expects of us.

TRAINED MISSIONARIES NEEDED

The Home Mission Board has to date two hundred missionaries among the 1,750,000 Spanish speaking people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a ratio of one missionary to 8,720 people. We should have one worker to 2,000 at least which would make this department as big as the whole missionary force of our Board at present. Therefore our greatest need is for trained missionaries.

STUDENTS USED

Our only practical method for obtaining them is to find those whom God has called and help them to train themselves for the work. We have been doing this through scholarships and work given to students who are called to mission work among the Spanish speaking people. We now have twenty-five regularly appointed missionaries who are studying in colleges and seminaries. Besides these we use sixty-five student workers during the summer vacation periods in this department each year.

We have prayed the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the fields and our prayers have been answered. This current school year we have had more volunteers for mission work in

President, Education Commission; Trustee, Sunday School Board; pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Executive Secretary of District of Columbia Baptist Convention; Executive Director, Luther Rice Centennial Commission; Chairman, Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains; member of Commission on Finance and Promotion, Northern Baptist Convention; Ministers' Council, Memphis, Tenn.; Executive Commission, Food Administration; Chairman, Executive Committee, Georgia Baptist Convention; Advisory Commission, Baptist Seventy-five Million Campaign; Chairman, Commission on Universities and Theological Seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention; Commission on Negro Baptist Theological Seminary, etc., etc.

He was a member of the Theta Chi and a Thirty-second Degree Mason. He was author of "The History of the Doctrine of Inspiration"; "The Christian Conversationalist"; "The Reconstruction of Religion"; "Religious Development of the Child"; "The Christian Faith at the Nations Capitol"; "The Roumanian Crisis"; "The Vatican Envoy"; "The Forum of Freedom"; "Revolt Against God"; numerous tracts and articles in religious presses.

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Lauderdale W.M.U. Promotes Work Of Negro Seminary

Building Will Honor Mrs. Broach

As a community missions project the Lauderdale County WMU is leading in an effort to provide a building to house the department of Theological and Christian Training of the Meridian Baptist Seminary. It is also planned to use the building as a mission center for negro work in the Meridian area.

An initial gift of \$2,000 has been made by the Lauderdale County W.M.U. as a memorial to Mrs. Henry F. Broach, who during her life-time was a great friend of every kind of mission.

A Key Field building has been purchased for \$1,000. This building will be the framework of a concrete block

Baptist schools than we had fields in which they could serve. This was because our schools were all located where the Spanish speaking population is sparse. Now, however, Texas Baptists have opened two new schools an Academy in Brownsville, Texas and a college at Beeville, Texas. These are in the very heart of the Mexican population.

We have more mission volunteers than ever before. We have the schools and we have unlimited fields adjacent to them, but at the moment the Home Mission Board does not have the money to enlarge to meet this new challenge. The recent rulings of the Southern Baptist Convention in the reapportionment of the Cooperative Program receipts have so reduced the money available from that source that we cannot enlarge our work unless more money is forthcoming from other sources.

SEASON OF PRAYER GIFTS NEEDED

God has answered our prayers in giving us these opportunities. May He bless us in the Annie Armstrong Offering so that we shall not be forced to turn our backs on them. We must match the sacrifice of these Christians young people. This is the first challenge of today and this is our best hope for the future in the Spanish speaking mission work.

or a brick veneer building and will be known as the Broach Memorial.

A publicity committee composed of Mrs. W. D. Cook, Mrs. Ethel Graham, Mrs. J. I. Cottrell and Mrs. H. C. Parker has been appointed. This committee is appealing to Mississippi Baptists to share a program of aid to our Negro Baptists.

According to Mrs. W. D. Cook, chairman of the W.M.U. Committee, one dollar from each Baptist Record subscriber would finish in one week the building and equipment fund.

The Meridian Baptist Seminary, with Dr. Herbert L. Lang as president has a competent faculty of white and negro teachers. However, inadequate buildings hamper the work of the school. The East Mississippi State Convention has raised sufficient funds to meet the expense of the Academic Division of the school for the 1946-47 session. But according to President Lang this has about exhausted the resources of the East Mississippi State Convention, which makes it imperative that an appeal be made to the white Baptists of Mississippi for funds to finance the greatly needed building program and for current operating expenses of the Division of Theology.

Dr. Lang emphasized the fact that all funds are administered by competent Board of Trustees and an advisory committee of outstanding white Baptists with Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor, First Church, Meridian, as chairman.

The need is great and \$10,000 is needed at once. Gifts should be sent to Dr. D. A. McCall, P.O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi and designated for the Division of Theological Training, Meridian Baptist Seminary.

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 "The Testimony of the Twelve" is an interesting Easter play in three scenes by Esther Willard Bates and published by the Westminster Press, Philadelphia. The price is 25 cents.

THE WORD FOR THE WORLD

By Duke K. McCall

The world is on fire! For a time the preachers used the apocalyptic language of John's Revelation. The scientists scoffed. Now the scientists with evangelistic zeal are preaching on atomic apocalypse. One of them says it will take just forty minutes to destroy the world in atomic warfare. With calm indifference the church people have continued their accustomed way.

The Word of God says, "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory" (Rev. 16:8-9). The Scientist talks about the same kind of thing using a formula: E=MC². That is the basic formula of the atomic bomb.

The problem is the same, however, no matter which language is used. The Adamic nature which controls the atomic bomb is the scientist's fear. The sinful Adamic nature upon which the wrath of God is poured out is the church's problem. The world is on fire.

God's Word is the only formula which will counteract this nature. Thereby would be the solution of the control of the atomic bomb. The fire of divine judgment would be stopped. The world needs God's Word.

The old fashioned bucket brigade was a practical co-operative way to put out a fire. Standing shoulder to shoulder to form an unbroken line left only one or two to throw water on the fire. All who passed the buckets down the line had, however, an equal part in the victory. All deserved the glory.

Each individual could have run back and forth between the fire and the pump. Soon, panting with exhaustion, each would have given up the job. More effort would have been expended and less water would have been thrown on the fire.

The principle of the bucket brigade has always been a part of God's plan. He never attempted to carry out his plan alone.

Always he has sought the Co-operation of an individual, or a family, or a nation. Now he depends upon all Christians for the accomplishment of his purpose.

How would any individual answer a five-alarm fire on the other side of the world? Southern Baptists have a plan whereby it can be done. It is called the Co-operative Program. Its technique is to form a bucket brigade which will pass the Word of God from individual to individual until the last man in the world has heard the gospel.

The Co-operative Program is not simply a means of raising money. It is an adventure in united educational effort. It is the means of pooling Baptist promotional energy. It is the instrument for focusing Baptist resources at the point of greatest world need.

The Co-operative Program makes it possible to teach all of the people about all of the work. Every Southern Baptist agency is concerned about the distribution of information about every other agency.

For example, the Training Union, sponsored by one agency, gives information through its programs about all the other boards and institutions. Special organizations such as the state convention offices and the Southern Baptist Executive Committee have been created to present the whole story of Southern Baptist work and needs.

Not only are Baptists educated about the entire task but they are enlisted in it through the Co-operative Program. Imagine the confusion if each of the schools, hospitals, orphanages, mission boards, and everything else promoted only its own program. Support would be received on a "first come, first served" basis. Instead of this sort of destructive competition, however, all join forces to promote the work of Christ.

Finally, what all Southern Baptists do is brought to focus and aimed at the sin-cursed heart of the world. Support is divided to each agency in proportion to its need and its ability to contribute to the effort to apply the Word to the world. Instead of an agency receiving support in terms of the emotional appeal it can make, it receives support in terms of its place in the family of Baptist agencies.

A Southwide goal of \$10,000,000 including both designated and undesignated Co-operative Program contributions has been adopted. This is almost double what was done in 1945. To reach it will involve faithful stewardship on the part of the individual, a world vision in the division of funds by the churches, and full promotion and co-operation by the state conventions.

The first \$5,000,000 of undesignated Co-operative Program receipts will be divided on the following percentages: Foreign Mission Board, 46 per cent; Home Mission Board, 18 per cent; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5 per cent; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5 per cent; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 5 per cent; Woman's Missionary Union Training School, 1 per cent; American Baptist Theological Seminary, 2 per cent; Relief and Annuity Board, 15 per cent; Radio Committee, 1 9-10 per cent; Baptist Brotherhood, 1 per cent; Southern Baptist Hospital, 1-10 per cent.

Each agency has calculated that this will take care of its current operating needs. It should be noted that the 8 per cent preferred item heretofore taken out of Southwide funds has been dropped. According to the old division used since the Atlantic Convention in 1944, eight cents came out of each dollar, after which the Foreign Mission Board received 50 per cent of what was left. Half of ninety-two cents gave the Foreign Mission Board forty-six cents out of each dollar. The 1947 percentages make it immediately apparent that the Foreign Mission Board will get forty-six cents out of each dollar. This example could be applied to the other agencies.

In September of 1945 a survey was made of the capital and endowment needs of the agencies. This survey indicated that the long-range needs would be approximately \$20,000,000. The second \$5,000,000 of distributable Co-operative Program funds in 1947 is expected to provide a part of this long-range need. Below are given the amounts which each agency has indicated it needs by the end of 1947: Home Mission Board, \$500,000; Southern Seminary, \$967,000; Southwestern Seminary, \$829,000; New Orleans Seminary, \$829,000; American Theological Seminary, \$75,000; Relief and Annuity Board, \$250,000; Radio Committee, \$50,000; Foreign Mission Board, \$3,500,000.

Southern Baptists responded magnificently to the appeal for World Re-



REV. J. C. MURPHY



MISS JOYCE MOULDER

**Rev. J. C. Murphy Goes To 5th Avenue, Hattiesburg
Miss Joyce Moulder Is Educational Director**

The Fifth Avenue Baptist church of Hattiesburg has called Rev. Joel C. Murphy to succeed Dr. I. E. Rouse as pastor. He will begin his new duties on the first of March. He is a native of Alabama and received his B. A. degree at Mississippi College, his Th. M. at New Orleans, and will receive his Th. D. there in April. Mrs. Murphy is the daughter of Rev. J. M. Foye of Laurel. The Murphy's have two sons and a daughter.

Many are predicting that this pastor will prove outstanding. He comes from Pachuta. He was pastor at Shelton, Union, and Calvary before attending the Seminary. He also was pastor at Mt. Pleasant, Bogalusa, before going to Pachuta. When in the Seminary Dr. Murphy was a fellow in the New Testament department.

Miss Joyce Moulder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Moulder and granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Moulder, has accepted the position of Educational Secretary at Fifth Avenue, also. She graduated from MSC in 1946, and was outstanding in all religious work there, as well as in state work among the B.S.U. groups. The new workers and the church people face the future with great enthusiasm.

TENT AND TRUCK WANTED

Rev. Henry C. Walker of Rt. 1, Ocean Springs, is anxious to give himself to unchurched areas as an evangelist. In a letter to the Baptist Record he writes in part as follows:

"My plan is to purchase a tent that will seat 200, equip it with seats and piano and go to unchurched and isolated communities, teach the Bible in the morning and hold evangelistic services in the evening. I plan to stay until a church is organized and a pastor located.

"I will need a truck to transport the tent from place to place and to bring people to the services. The approximate cost is \$2,000.

"May I appeal to the Baptists of Mississippi to furnish this. When all of the money is in hand I will present the bill of sale for the equipment to the Mississippi Baptist Convention."

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There seems to be some confusion in the minds of the brethren as to the correct date of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The correct date is May 7-11. The Convention is being held a week earlier than the usual time because of a conflict with another large meeting in St. Louis, Mo. The W.M.C. will meet for several days preceding the Southern Convention.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

issues involved in this proposed temperance program. First, we are up against sinful desire. Man is naturally bent toward sin. Read Romans 7 and other passages in the Gospels about the heart being deceitful and desperately wicked. Second, we face the money problem. The Bible tells us "the love of money is the root of all evil." Men desire to make money the easy way. We are told that the liquor forces are spending \$100,000,000 annually in advertising. Third, we run into all sorts of organizations. Some of it is outright, while some of it is subtle in set-up and procedure.

Our Methodist friends some years ago put one of their bishops in this field setting up a temperance department, committee, or what have you, and while we do not doubt that they did some real good, without any thought of being critical, we doubt if they got to first base in the matter. Unless we keep our eyes open, put our hearts into it, stand together, work together, and put some real money into it our effort could end the same way.

However, our faith is larger than that! God is not dead! All His churches have not lost their power! Multitudes of His people still know how to stand together in the cause of right.

Help funds. The doors to the hearts of the world are open. Now is the time to enter the word of life eternal.

The drum beat by which Southern Baptists keep in step must be quickened. The time to charge is at hand. Every individual, every institution and agency, must achieve a peak of performance. The marching orders are in hand. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Co-operative Program provides a channel by which each individual can have a part in carrying out all of Christ's commission.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; We are not divided; all one body we, One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

—Sabine Baring-Gould



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THEME: Advancing With Christ.

**Inspirational Speakers: Dr. Roland Q. Leavell
Baptist Theological Seminar.**

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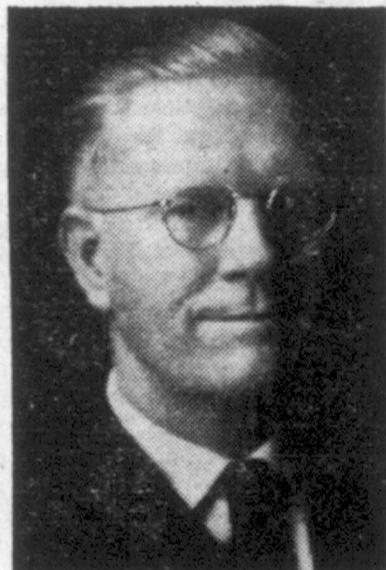


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CAMP GARAYWA

The building of a camp for the use of Girls' Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassadors, Young Women's Auxiliaries and other groups among Mississippi Baptists is a notable feature of the progress of our denomination. Woman's Missionary Union, under the forceful and devoted leadership of Miss Edwina Robinson, state W.M.U. Secretary, has carried the burden of building the magnificent camp near Clinton from the beginning of the movement until now. We all rejoice in the progress that has been made and in the business methods used in the erection of the camp. No debt has been incurred, and none will be.

Completion in Sight

The camp is now nearing completion. It is hoped that it will be entirely finished in time for full use during the summer. In all cases where a "no-debt" policy is used, a "cash-in-advance" policy must be used. Pastors and churches have become interested and are assisting in securing contributions for the completion of the camp.

\$35,000 Needed

A conservative estimate of the amount needed to carry the building program through properly is \$35,000.

The Men Will Help

Reports have already come to our attention of Brotherhoods that are helping in efforts to secure needed funds for finishing the camp. We suggest that every Brotherhood contact their pastor and deacons and offer their cooperation in the plans that the Church may decide upon to have a worthy share in this great undertaking.

CARTHAGE LAYMEN'S REVIVAL

Dr. William Potter tells us that the Laymen's Revival for First Church, Carthage, originally scheduled for January, will be held May 25-28. Secretary Lawson H. Cooke, of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, will speak throughout the meeting.

MIDWAY REPORTS

Midway, Lauderdale, Rev. L. T. Dye, Meridian, pastor, reports the organization of a Brotherhood. Officers elected so far are: President, M. T. Mowdy; membership vice-president, R. N. Reeves; and secretary-treasurer, O. F. Partridge—all addresses Meridian, Route 5. Other officers will be elected later.

HIGHLAND'S UNUSUAL PLAN

The Brotherhood of the Highland, Meridian, Church, Rev. E. L. Byrd, pastor and Lyle V. Corey, president, has an unusual plan of operating. The men meet on Sunday night as a section of the Training Union. In these weekly meetings the program from the Journal is used. Then on second and fourth Monday nights in every month a business and social meeting is held. From thirty to sixty men attend the semi-monthly night meetings.

Divided into Groups

This Brotherhood is divided into four groups, each having a captain. The special responsibility of these groups is to have charge of local mission work in the Meridian territory. Services are held by the men in the Public Health Center every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 and on Wednesday nights at 6:30. Professions of faith in these services average two a week. Both colored and white patients are

reached in these services.

Sponsor Home Prayer Meetings

The men also sponsor two cottage prayer meetings each Thursday night. The territory of the church field is divided into sections, and certain groups are given charge of conducting prayer meetings in certain sections each week. These assignments are made on Sunday night.

Other Services Rendered

The Highland Brotherhood carries on many other services. They do Sunday afternoon visiting among the shut-ins and the lost. They accept many assignments from their pastor and stand ready to undertake all tasks that arise in connection with the work of the church.

BISSELL ADVANCES

Rev. G. L. Ford, pastor, and W. A. Pickens, president; are rejoicing in the good progress of the Bissell Brotherhood (Lee County). They had thirty men in their last meeting and had an excellent spirit. We are looking for a good crowd from this Brotherhood in the state Convention at Calvary Church, Jackson, April 8.

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

The strangest things come out of Arkansas! Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Worker in the Sunday School Department, reports that the Brotherhood of the Parkin (Arkansas) church meets at 6:00 a.m. (that's right!). Meetings are held twice monthly. They say that they have to eat breakfast anyway, so they prepare breakfast at the church and have their meeting before they go out to the fields. I wonder if Pastor Seibert Haley is in a good humor the rest of the day! Congratulations to Parkin!

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Large Crowds Hear Dr. T. Z. Koo At MSC

HATTIESBURG, Feb. 21 — The principal phase of Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi Southern college will be conducted at 7 p. m. today when Dr. T. Z. Koo, world famous Christian layman, delivers his final address to students, faculty and visitors in the MSC auditorium.

Among Dr. Koo's topics for lecture at the institution have been "The Christian Teachings About Man and God," "The Christian Teaching About Man and His Material World," "The Christian Teachings About Man and His Fellowman," "The Christian and National Sovereignty," "The Christian and International Relations," and "The Christian and World Citizenship."

"We are very pleased with the success of our Religious Emphasis Week," Dr. Cook, MSC president said today. "The attendance of students at the meetings was made voluntary, because that is our idea of how religious programs should be, and almost all students of the school attended the lectures of Dr. Koo."

Prayer meetings were held each evening in the dormitories by ministerial students.

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MR. PASTOR: If you have any idea of going to Copenhagen, secure now a copy of your birth certificate. Get two copies while you are at it, they are always handy to have around.—The editor.

Criswell To Lead Revival At Calvary In Jackson, March 3-9



DR. W. A. CRISWELL

Calvary Baptist Church will have the privilege of having Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex, in a revival March 3-9.

Dr. Criswell is a native of Oklahoma, although he grew up in the Panhandle plains of West Texas. He graduated from Baylor University with a B. A. degree in 1931, and in 1945 he was given a D. D. from Baylor. He is also a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Kentucky where he received his Ph. D. and Th. M. in 1934 and 1937. Upon his graduation from Louisville he went to the First Baptist Church at Chickasha, Oklahoma and later to the First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla. He was called to First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas October 1, 1944 where he succeeded the late Dr. George W. Truett as pastor of the largest church in our Southern Baptist Convention. During his pastorate at First Church in Dallas 1,975 members have been received into the church. Last year this church gave a total of \$406,000. of which amount \$274,000 was given to missions.

All members and friends of Calvary are invited to attend these services at Calvary, beginning Sunday, March 2nd. Dr. Criswell will arrive Monday

and will preach his first sermon Monday evening at 7:30. Services will be held daily at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

In preparation for these meetings Cottage Prayer meetings will be held in the following homes Friday evening, Feb. 28 at 7:30; led by the deacons, as designated:

Mrs. W. A. Bright, 1401 W. Capitol St. Fred B. James, Leader; R. H. Hardin, Co-leader.

Mrs. Sarah Hand, 1030 Grand Ave. G. S. McElveen, Leader; B. T. Hurst, Co-leader.

Mrs. W. M. McCraw, 1869 W. Capitol St. B. B. McClendon, Leader; I. S. Barnes Co-leader.

Mrs. W. R. Sudduth, 3547 W. Capitol St. C. L. Graves, Leader; R. N. Waltman, Co-leader.

Mrs. J. L. Daniell, 1620 Central St. C. H. Cooper, Leader; W. A. Runnels, Co-leader.

Mrs. H. E. Crawford, 445 Eastview St. D. W. Younge, Leader; D. Holland, Co-leader.

Mrs. Stringer, 887 Brandon St. E. M. Britt, Leader; J. L. Daniell, Co-leader.

Mrs. W. E. Dent, 630 Buena Vista, A. S. Lowe, Leader; Ralph Goodwin, Co-leader.

Mrs. S. C. Beaty, 749 S. Prentiss St. R. W. Howell, Leader; M. D. Fitzhugh, Co-leader.

Mrs. Howard Byrd, Clinton Blvd. L. U. Amason, Leader; Harvey Reno, Co-leader.

Mrs. Oscar Carlisle, 179 Glenmary St. L. J. Jaggar, Leader; Oscar Carlisle, Co-leader.

Mrs. W. L. Lowe, 1024 Alta Vista Blvd. C. W. Sullivan, Leader; W. L. Lowe, Co-leader.

Mrs. J. T. Hale, 418 Earl St. Grady Smith, Leader; R. N. Waltman, Co-leader.

Mrs. W. M. Ross, 333 S. Prentiss St. Walter Ferguson, Leader; W. L. McGahey, Co-leader.

There will also be two prayer meetings held at the church for the benefit of those attending the Training Union Workers' Council Supper and meeting. Shelby Price will lead the adults and Robert Webb will lead the Intermediates and Young People.

Every member of the church is urged to pick the place most convenient to attend.

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FOCUS WEEK IS SUCCESS

As I write these lines, there are two days remaining in the Religious Focus Week at Mississippi College, but I believe I am perfectly safe in saying now that the Week is a success. I, personally, am very grateful to God for His using the members of the Focus Week team, Orba Lee Malone, and the MC students in witnessing for Christ during these days. Already, students have been won to Christ and others have made other life decisions. Numerous other decisions will, I am sure, be made during these two remaining days.

I shall, of course, be able to report here only on those addresses, seminars, and the like I have been privileged to attend. Bill Marshall said at the Sunday night service: "We've got to be working on all fronts. The average gift of Southern Baptists to Foreign Missions last year was 67 cents. It takes 10,000 Southern Baptists—to send out one foreign missionary. We can't save ourselves unless we save (through Christ) the rest of the world." Bill repeatedly emphasized the call of God to His service of all—not only preachers, but teachers, lawyers, doctors, merchants, and all... Dr. Frank H. Leavell, in chapel the next morning, challenged everyone present to obey the words of Jesus when He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Dr. Leavell very effectively pointed out that Jesus meant exactly what He said, that He meant for His followers to be absolutely, perfectly honest, truthful, pure, and so on... The testimony of Reiji Hoshizaki, the Japanese - American student of the Louisville Seminary, which was given Monday night was Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. He said: "To me, He's a reality. He's the source of my life; He's the goal of my life." The pastor of a small church in Dallas, Texas, led Reiji to Christ and he, in turn, has thus far led his mother and several of his brothers and sisters to the Lord Jesus.

Seminars Helpful

"Finding God's Will In My Life" was the theme of the seminar, led by Bill Marshall Monday night and by Dr. Leavell Wednesday night, and the students and I who attended found it to be very helpful indeed. On Tuesday and Thursday nights I was privileged to lead a very helpful discussion, to me, on "Maximum Christianity Made Practical"... Joe Boyd, former All-American tackle with Texas A. and M. and now pastor in Dallas, brought a soul-stirring personal testimony at Chapel on Tuesday morning on the subject, "The Transforming Power of Christianity (Christ)" and Dr. Courts Redford, of our Home Mission Board, Atlanta, challenged everyone present at Chapel Wednesday with the thought, "Who knows but what thou hast come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Dr. M. Ray McKay, of the Second Church, Little Rock, brought a very thoughtful and challenging message Tuesday night, in the Chapel, on "Out-of-date men in An Up-to-date World," and the next night Dr. J. M. Dawson, Baptists' Executive Secretary in Washington, chal-

lenged those present again with his message on "The Kind of World We Need." One could go on for many pages more about this great Week's program and its spiritual influences, but I shall stop here, intending to bring more along this line next week.

VOLUNTEER FOR REVIVALS

Do you want to spend the summer, or most of the summer, in Youth Revival Work? Surely you could not make your life count for more in any other way. At this writing, six MSCW girls, three Mississippi College boys, one Mississippi College girl, and one Clarke College boy have given me their names for this work. Have you given me your name, your school address, and your home address? If you want to witness in this way for Christ this summer, let me hear from you.

How To Have A Revival, by Evangelists Rice, Appelman, Bob Jones, and others is reputed to be a very good book to help prepare one for revival work. I haven't read it, but I hope to get a copy and do so soon. I imagine the Baptist Book Store here in Jackson has it, or at least the Book Store undoubtedly carries other such books. It is important that one be as well prepared as possible—physically, mentally, and spiritually — before launching out in this important work.

PEREGRINATIONS

Several have told me that they had missed "peregrinations" in this column, so here we are again. Since last week, Eva Lois and I have attended the two banquets, the one at East Central Jr., and the one at Jones Jr., which I mentioned. Both were Sweetheart Banquets, so naturally we enjoyed them. The students and others who attended did too. Everybody apparently likes to think and talk of love. At Decatur, after a very delicious dinner, Eva Lois and I both talked on "My Ideal Sweetheart". Others on the program were Emma J. Truesdale, Brother W. A. Hogan, Edna Ruth Prince, and Doris Wiggins. Jean Parker, E. Central Secretary, and her students did a wonderful job. So did Mary Tom Berry and her students at Ellisville. Blue Mountain's inimitable Mrs. Wilford Tyler, and I spoke on "My Ideal Sweetheart", and others on the program included Pastor Geo. Nichols, Juanice Robertson, President of the College J. B. Young, Betty Ann Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Noyce Taylor, Mae Elizabeth Brigance, and Lucius Geer.

Other Items

Belhaven had Dr. Claud Bowen, Dr. G. Norman Price, Mrs. Charles Dean, Mrs. Lowrey Compere, Charles Dean, and Miss Edwina Robinson for their Vocational Emphasis Week... A total of 46 dedications were made during Ole Miss' Week in the following fields: Medicine, Dentistry, Medical Technology, Journalism, Homemaking, Pharmacy, Law, Teaching, Foreign Missions, Music, Secretarial Work, and Training Union Work. Two dedicated their lives into whatever field they are led... Four MSCW girls have already volunteered for Youth Revivals next summer... One girl has written me for a Ridgecrest reservation... Brother Moulder and his MSC ministerial students have held three very successful Weekend Revivals... The



ARTHUR H. LESLIE

Arthur H. Leslie was ordained to the full gospel ministry on February 2, 1947, at the Bethany Baptist church in Jeff Davis county. He is a native of Pennsylvania and a veteran of World War II. Mrs. Leslie is a native of Grenada.

Rev. Joe Royalty, pastor of Center Ridge Baptist church in Yazoo county, preached the ordination sermon. The charge was given by Rev. Robert Dickson, pastor of Calvary church, Vicksburg. Music was rendered by Rev. Cecil Randall of Mississippi College. The presbytery was composed of Dr. W. L. Sewell of Prentiss, Rev. D. O. Horne of Monticello, Rev. W. H. Wood, D. A. Magee, J. J. Chance, Rev. Carter and Rev. Joe Royalty.

All in attendance joined in wishing the young preacher a long and fruitful ministry.

—BR—

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 3—Mrs. Ruth Sutton, Matron of Carter Hall, Baptist Orphanage; Rev. G. O. Parker, Simpson County Convention Board Member.

March 4—Rev. J. B. Ray, B. T. U. Director, Alcorn County; Mrs. J. N. Morgan, mailing department, Baptist Record.

March 5—Tom Brand, member Mississippi Baptist Convention Brotherhood Committee; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President, Blue Mountain College.

March 6—Dr. R. B. Gunter, Trustee Baptist Foundation; Mrs. J. D. Arevalo, Instructor, Languages, Mississippi College.

March 7—B. S. U. Cooperative Missions Emphasis; March 9-16; C. W. Morgan, Music Director, District 1.

March 8—Dr. Eugene J. Farr, Mathematics Professor, Clarke Memorial College; Sunday School Conventions, March 10-14.

March 9—Rev. Carmon Savel, B. T. U. President, District 7; Mrs. D. A. McCall.

—BR—
Rev. B. H. Benton, State Evangelist, will assist Pastor D. W. Moulder in the revival at Pine Grove Church, Simpson County beginning March 2.

YMCA at State is sponsoring Religious Emphasis Week on the campus Feb. 23-27. . . . I have several pamphlets entitled; "He Lives! The Story of the Waco Youth Revival." Write for one. . . . This final thought from Jones Junior's "BSU Key" which borrowed it from Longfellow: "Believe me, every heart has its secret sorrows, which the world knows not; and often times we call a man cold when he is only sad."

The 1947 graduating class of the Southern Seminary has elected the following officers: William Franklin Cale, Jr., Stem, N.C., president; James Gail Stertz, St. Louis, Mo., vice president; Charles Barton Clark, Spartanburg, S. C., secretary; and John Edward Steely, Mountain View, Ark., treasurer.

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Days of labor—365
Churches visited—144
Sermons and addresses—342
Visits—1052

Miles traveled in own car—24769
Revivals held—11
Additions to churches:

By restoration—1
Baptism—83
Letter—107
Total—191

Organized one mission station with regular services.

Training classes taught—6

Prayer meetings—11

Conference conducted—22

Associational Sunday School meetings assisted in—6

Associational B. T. U. meetings assisted in—4

Associational W. M. U. meetings assisted in—2

Reorganized Associational Sunday School in Calhoun County

Reorganized Associational Sunday School in Pontotoc County

Reorganized Associational B.T.U. in Calhoun County

Organized Sunday Schools—3

Organized B.T.U.—2

Organized weekly prayer services—2

Associational Executive committee meetings—10

Sunday School Classes taught—8

Funerals—6

School talks—2

Other talks—3

Public professions who did not join church—5

Public dedications for life service—4

Ordination services—3

Vacation Bible Schools arranged for—15

Vacation Bible School conducted—1

Awards for study courses—25

Installation services—2

Attended: Southern Baptist Convention

State Convention

State-wide Associational meetings—2

V.B.S Clinics—2

Associations—2

Asso. Missionaries' Meeting—1

Assisted in Associational Enlarge-

ment Campaign

Organized: Clerks in Calhoun County.

Clerks and Treasurers in Pontotoc

County.

Prepared material for Special Edition of Baptist Record each month.

Distributed 1000 copies of Baptist Record.

Led one church to adopt the Every Family Plan.

Assisted two churches in securing a pastor.

Led one church to go to a full time preaching program.

Arranged for Revival in one church where I did not preach.

Led in arranging for Schedule of Activities in two Associations.

Served as Pastor to two mission stations.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First reference for Juniors
Second reference all others
Su.—John 17:1-4
Eph. 2:1-10
M.—Phil. 3:14-20
1 John 4:1-10
Tu.—Phil 4:13, 19
Col. 1:12-19
W.—Heb. 6:7-12
2 Cor. 5:11-15
Th.—1 Cor. 3:8-11
Titus 2:6-15
F.—Prov. 20:11, 13; 22:1, 23:21
Gal. 4:1-7
S.—S.S. Lesson

THRILLING INTERMEDIATE PROGRESS

Not only Intermediate Leaders but all interested Baptists will thrill at the report of the increased interest and growth of our Intermediate Union work. In 1946 figures reveal that the circulation of the Intermediate Union Quarterly totaled 262,614 in the fourth quarter as compared with 217,200 for a similar period in 1944. The Intermediate Leader reached a circulation of 23,090 as compared with 17,390 for the same quarter in 1944. In 1946 we issued to Intermediates throughout the Southern Baptist Convention 73,516 Study Course Awards. Only the Adult Union members received a larger number. We are grateful for this growing interest in this important department of our work.

WEDDING BELLS WERE RINGING!
A unique program was presented at the last meeting of the Lauderdale Associational Training Union. It was in the form of a wedding. Miss "Member" becomes the bride of Mr. "Training Union Spirit". The attendants were Interest, courage, love, cooperation, inspiration, prayer, and faith. The "Church" was the officiating minister. It was a beautiful service, well received, and very impressive. Should you like to put on such a program we feel sure Miss Irmogene Tucker, R-6 Meridian, Associational Director, will be happy to give you a copy of the program with added suggestions. **Lend variety to your programs.**

CLIPPED FROM THE CHURCH BULLETIN

The Training Union Department of the Training Union will have 'My Church' as their topic for discussion tonight. We will have as our honor guest, our Pastor, who will speak in the opening assembly, and the deacons and their wives who are parents of the Junior boys and girls in the department, who will visit in their unions. We extend a special invitation to all Juniors to meet with us at 6:15."

FOUR HIGHEST IN STUDY COURSE AWARDS IN MISSISSIPPI IN 1946

We had four churches in Mississippi who, in 1946, issued over 200 Training Union Study Course Awards. They are listed here in order. First Church Jackson led with 320; Juniper Grove, Pearl River Co., second with 225; Decatur, 218; Clinton 212. In the Southern Baptist Convention there were only 112 churches that issued over 200 awards. The church receiving the largest number was Hunter St., Birmingham Ala., 983, and second was Daytona Beach 537.

To members of our Baptist Young People's Unions in Mississippi in 1946 went 3,301 study course awards. Our goal for 1947 is 4,000. Let every union have at least one study course this year. A large number of unions will have several, perhaps one a quarter. Why not?

CALVARY TUPELO INTERMEDIATES MAKE RECORD

Fred W. Davis, Director of the Calvary Church Tupelo is proud of his union, and especially the Intermediate Union. They have 50 Intermediates on their church roll and 36 of these are members of the Intermediate Union, with an attendance of 30. According to Miss Ora Slocum, Church Secretary, "They are a fine bunch. You know you can always enlist the girls, but we have the boys, several six feet tall football players. Our work is improving in every union." This is an encouraging word and one that many leaders could write who are experiencing the same growing interest. We always appreciate a written word about it though. Congratulations Calvary.

TRAINING UNION MAKES READY FOR PART IN SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

The special evangelistic emphasis of Southern Baptists this spring, April, May and June, challenges the cooperation of every Training Union in the convention. We urge every member of every Training Union in Mississippi to begin NOW to pray for the meetings in general, and the meeting in their own church in particular. The call comes to every leader to pledge to the Lord and to the Pastor wholehearted participation. Remind the people of the Baptist Hour on the radio which will spearhead the period of special evangelistic emphasis. Dr. C. E. Matthews, Home Board Evangelistic Secretary, leads in this great crusade, and we will cooperate in every possible way.

The Churches of Leflore are just waiting for the week of March 2-7 which is the date set for their Leadership School. This will be at Itta Bena, Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor. All young people and adults from all the churches in the association are counted as leaders either active or potential, and are therefore included in the group that will be expected to attend the classes. Five classes will be taught which will assure help to everyone attending.

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President Ellis A. Fuller of the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted the invitation of the American Bible Society to write the brochure for Universal Bible Sunday, December 14, of this year. Several millions of copies will be printed for world-wide distribution, in the Society's campaign to promote Bible reading.

Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the newly appointed Secretary of State, is a granddaughter of the late Henry Allen Tupper, who was a brother-in-law of Dr. James P. Boyce, first president of Southern Seminary. Her father, Rev. Henry Allen Tupper, Jr., was pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, from 1884 through 1891.

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The Temple	Orchard	1.00	.50
Come, Let Us Worship	Palmer	1.50	.75
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The Fine Art of Preaching	Blackwood	2.00	1.00
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A Christian Global Strategy	Kirk	2.00	1.00
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Rooster Crows for Day	Burman	2.50	1.00
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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

W. R. ROBERTS, Associate

FOUR MONTHS' RECORD

From information received from Nashville on the Sunday school training work for the first four months of this Sunday school year, we find that Mississippi has made an excellent record among all the states in the South.

For that period we are seventh in the number of churches reporting training; third in the number of associations reporting training. We find that 59 of our associations have reported Sunday school training awards during this time.

We congratulate our Sunday school leaders over the state on this good record.

Meridian First Has 57

We extend hearty congratulations to Mrs. C. A. Carter of the First Baptist Church of Meridian on completing a class in SOUL-WINNING DOCUMENTS, with 57 getting the awards!

That is an unusually large class and we are grateful for the good leadership and the hearty cooperation that made it possible.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Our Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held in the First Baptist Church of McComb on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11-12. There will be two full days.

We have been very fortunate in securing outstanding state and South-wide leaders to appear on this program, some in conferences and others in inspirational messages. There are hundreds of Sunday school leaders over the state who can take advantage of this great opportunity that will be offered at this Convention.

The good people of McComb are providing free overnight lodging for any who want it. If you wish this service, please write to Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter, First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss. This should be done right away.

We are giving below the full program of our Convention:

THEME: Advancing With Christ

Tuesday, March 11

- 10:00—Worship and Praise—E. C. Edwards
- 10:20—Through Books—Mrs. O. M. Jones
- 10:35—Through the Cradle Roll Department—Miss Willie Merle O'Neill
- 10:55—Music
- 11:00—Through the Standards—Miss Mary Alice Biby
- 11:20—Announcements and Recognitions
- 11:30—Through the Associational Program—J. P. Edmonds
- 12:00—Adjourn
- 1:30—Worship and Praise—E. C. Edwards
- 1:45—General Administration Conference—Jesse Daniel
- 2:45—Music
- 2:50—Presenting Conference Leaders
- 3:00—Department Conferences
- 4:30—Adjourn
- 7:00—Worship and Praise—E. C. Edwards
- 7:20—General Administration Conference—J. P. Edmonds
- 8:05—Announcements and Recognitions
- 8:15—Music
- 8:25—Through an Enlarged Vision—Dr. W. A. Bell
- 9:00—Adjourn

Wednesday, March 12

- 9:30—Department Conferences
- 11:00—General Assembly

- 11:10—Worship and Praise—E. C. Edwards
- 11:20—Through Evangelism—Dr. Roland Q. Leavell
- 12:00—Adjourn
- 1:30—Worship and Praise—E. C. Edwards
- 1:45—Through Right Grading and Promotion—Melvin Roberts
- 2:05—Vacation Bible School Conference—Jesse Daniel
- 3:05—Department Conferences
- 4:30—Adjourn
- 7:00—Worship and Praise—E. C. Edwards
- 7:20—Through the Nursery Department—Mrs. H. R. Jones
- 7:40—Announcements
- 7:50—Music
- 8:00—Through Christian Service—Dr. Roland Q. Leavell
- 8:45—Final Adjournment

BR— SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 23, 1947

	S.S. B.T.U.
West Point	379 78
Hattiesburg, Petal-	
Harvey	242 72
Providence, Forrest	
County	151 81
Lucedale	334 83
Hattiesburg,	
Main Street	965 396
Agricola	78 31
Pascagoula, First	580 129
Centreville	146 31
Rocky Creek,	
George County	147 76
Crystal Springs	460 127
West Laurel	377 94
Laurel, First	567 133
Newton	368 146
O'Tuckolofa, Yalobusha	
County	23
New Hope,	
Yalobusha County	36 24
Batesville, First	149 49
Mt. Pisgah,	
Rankin County	73
Center, Union County	110 50
Houkka, Chickasaw County	67 25
Cherry Creek,	
Pontotoc County	71
Darling	47
Enon, Panola County	84 56
Byram, Hinds County	85 67
Unity, Jackson County	95 92
Tupelo, Harrisburg	196 85
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis	101 30
Salem, Covington County	167 113
Harmony, Tippah County	62 34
Chalybeate	43 26
Wellman, Lincoln County	53 63
Siloam, Simpson County	84 47
Brookhaven, First	867 126
Chester, Choctaw County	87
Jackson, Parkway	508 202
Jackson, Griffith Mem.	419 303
Jackson, Northside	139 79
Daniel, Hinds County	206 72
Paul Truitt, Rankin County	53 43
Van Winkle, Hinds County	245 142
Summit	155 106
Booneville	206 78

February 16, 1947

Mt. Pisgah, Rankin County	53
Columbus, First	727 207
Agricola	82 27
Ellison Ridge,	
Winston County	112 116
Carmel, Lawrence County	82 86
Bethel, Pearl River County	83 69
Providence, Tippah County	47
Salem, Covington County	214 147

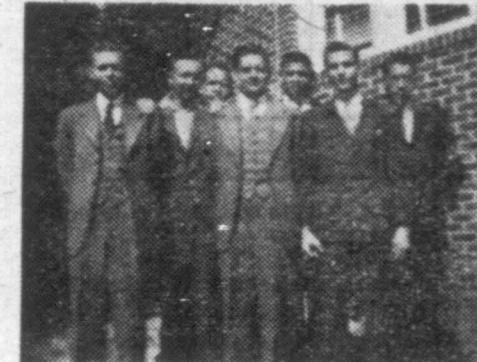
BR—

The Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder (North Carolina Baptist state paper) have voted to send their editor, Dr. L. L. Carpenter, to the Baptist World Alliance.

Parking Committee And Luncheon Committee Of Providence Church



Luncheon Committee, Providence, Forrest County



Parking Committee, Providence, Forrest County

During the Evangelistic Conference at Hattiesburg the Providence Church, Rev. W. R. Storie, pastor, invited the conference to have lunch at the church on Wednesday, February 26. Pictured above

PARKER AT GRENADA

By Rev. J. B. Parker

Rev. James B. Parker of Baptist Headquarters supplied the pulpit both morning and evening last Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Grenada in the absence of their pastor, Rev. Glen Eric Walley, who was conducting a revival meeting in the First Baptist Church in Natchez.

Grenada is one of our finest churches. There was a wonderful spirit in all the services last Sunday with 480 in Sunday School; 30 in the Brotherhood meeting and a wonderful program on "Prayer." Had large crowds attending both services, with two additions Sunday morning by letter and one addition for baptism Sunday night and another coming by letter.

"The church is in better condition," said one of the oldest members, Mr. Perry, "than it has been in 50 years, spiritually and financially." The men pledged Sunday night to pray for their pastor and church each day this year, so that 1947 will be the greatest year in the history of that church. It certainly would be wonderful if all laymen would remember their pastor daily in their prayers; we would have better churches and better preachers.

I was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Perry, Sr., for the noon hour.

is the parking committee and the lunch committee. Those in the parking committee picture are: R. P. Bynum, Ernest Mixon, Everitt Campbell, Hubert Clinton, William Robinson, Lafayette Howell and Paul Bustin. The luncheon committee is composed of Mesdames H. C. Mardes, P. H. Everitt, O. L. Harris, P. H. Humphries, H. R. McPhail and V. H. Hamilton.

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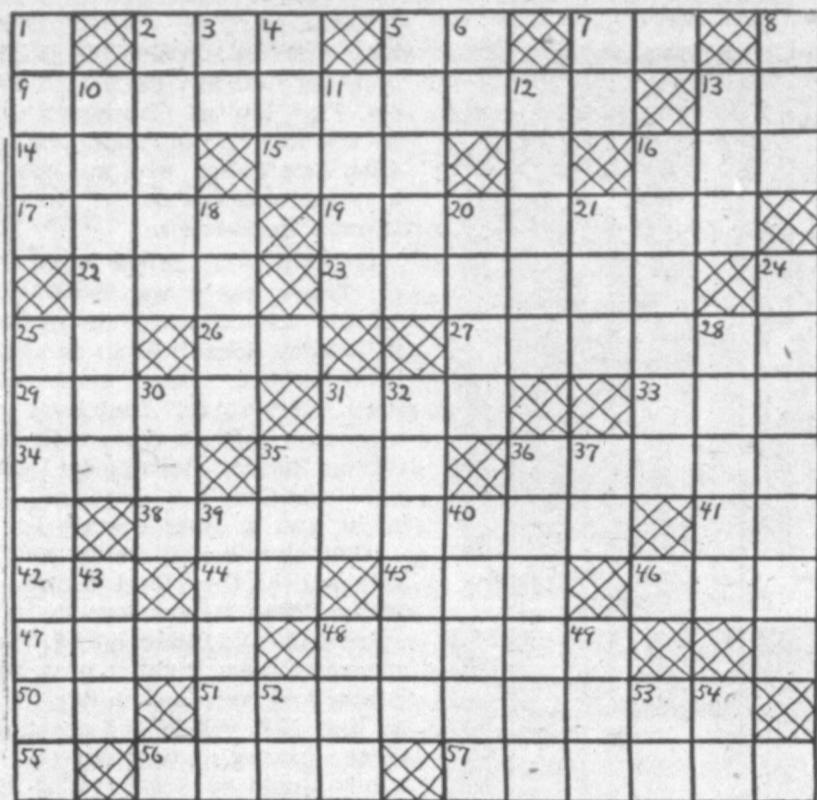
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"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions—"—Heb. 11:33.

ACROSS

2 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped . . ."

5 "... it he being dead yet speaketh"

7 "But without faith . . . is impossible to please him"

9 "And Saul smote the . . ."

13 Noah "prepared . . . ark"

14 Man loyal to David; ire (anag.)

15 Clamor

16 Anger

17 "The . . . are a people not strong"

19 Artlessness

22 "framed by . . . word of God"

23 "ordain . . . in every city"

25 City in Palestine

26 "dead raised . . . life again"

27 Member of a Jewish sect

29 "by faith . . . being warned of God"

31 Third king of Judah

33 Library

34 "... what more shall I say?"

35 Mischievous child

36 Send elsewhere

38 "having . . . eternal redemption"

41 Religious organization

42 "the evidence . . . things not seen"

44 "God" having provided some better thing for . . ."

45 New Testament book

46 "are there . . . that be saved?"

47 Native (Feud. Law); fine (anag.)

48 Part of the body

50 From

51 Percolating

55 "For he looked for . . . city"

56 "And have tasted the . . . word of God"

57 "seven men of honest . . ."

Our Text from Hebrews is 2, 5, 7, 22, 23, 38, 55, 56, and 57 combined

DOWN

1 "Call me not Naomi, call me . . ."

2 "These all died in . . ."

3 Oil, a suffix

4 "By faith they passed through the . . . sea as by dry land"

5 Twofold (rare)

6 Yukon Territory

7 "as seeing him who . . . invisible"

8 "Therefore sprang there even of . . . and him as good as dead"

10 Joseph made . . . of the departing of the children of Israel"

11 Pharaoh's first dream was about . . .

12 Sprites

13 "But we . . . not of them who draw back"

16 "vaunteth not . . ."

18 Third son of Adam

20 Fancy

21 Bitter vetch

24 New Testament book

25 Large snake

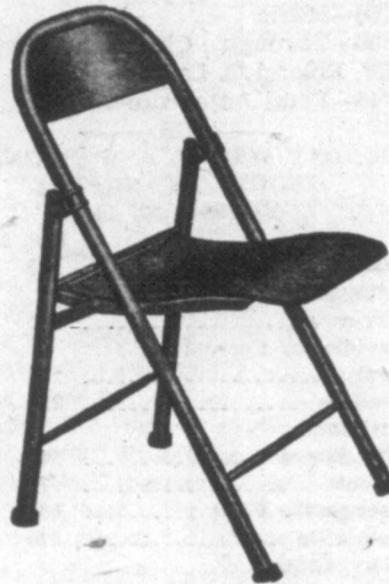
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Dr. Chester E. Swor of Jackson is the author of "When Adults Are Reached for Sunday School—Communities Are Made Better" in the March issue of the Sunday School Builder. This is a part of "When Adults Are Reached for Sunday School—A Symposium". The other two contributors to the symposium are Dr. T. Rupert Coleman of Richmond, Virginia and Dr. Carl M. Townsend of Raleigh, North Carolina. (Editor's note: Dr. Townsend is the husband of the former Sybil Brame).

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Today's Challenge To Home Missions

By Courts Redford

Assistant Executive Secretary,
Home Mission Board

Much has been given to America. Victory was given. God sheltered our centers of population from the ravages and destruction of war. We enjoy unprecedented prosperity. Our lands have brought forth bountifully. Hunger, want, disease, and famine have found few abiding places in the American home. We enjoy longevity of life and plenty of material blessings.

The secrets of the atom bomb were intrusted to us. We may appreciate even more the mercy of God in committing this mighty power to us when we realize that many of those who contributed to the development of this marvelous weapon were peoples of other lands who had found asylum in America. With it we won victory much more quickly than we had dared expect. And our boys returned to their homes and to their loved ones.

Much has been given to encourage spiritual growth and development. During the war our churches were centers of praying groups. We were asking God to protect our youth and to send them home again. Parents who had formerly ignored God and the church found themselves seeking comfort in the Bible and wending their way with others to God's house for prayer. God has been good to us. There seems to be a general spiritual awakening and a revival of interest in evangelism.

Truly much has been given, and Jesus said, "For unto whosoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

Much is required of us.

We must help feed and clothe the hungry and destitute world. We must help establish confidence and banish fear. We must help protect the weak and restore self-confidence and hope where despair and destitution now reign supreme. Material resources alone will not suffice for this task. Faith in God and a surrender to His will are today's supreme needs.

America now has the greatest opportunity in her history to carry the gospel to a destitute and needy world. But we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. The limitations of our ability to meet the world's need are largely spiritual limitations.

Would anyone doubt that a nation which could spend \$335,000,000,000 in five years for war lacks the material resources to send an army of missionaries to other lands? Would one question that a people who spend sixteen times as much for the unrighteous causes—crime, liquor, and gambling—as for all of their church work is too poverty stricken to send forth a host of gospel messengers to meet the world's need? Would anyone question the ability of America's youth to furnish leadership for a worldwide missionary crusade?

We have the necessary material resources. We have the personnel needed. We have the necessary organization in our churches to administer such a program, but we are short on spiritual resources.

Spiritual resources are available if we will appropriate them to our own lives. The same spiritual force that will make us send missionaries abroad will make us strong at home; the same compassion that will send missionaries to Africa will furnish

Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, has voted to send the pastor, Rev. John E. Barnes, to the Baptist World Alliance and to include a tour of Europe.

aid to the Negroes in our own community.

The same interest that drives us to win the Chinese in China, the Japanese in Japan, the Italians in Italy, or the Mexicans in Mexico will impel us to win these peoples in our own midst. Any concern that sees the need of these folks in other lands and is blind to the six million foreign-speaking people in our own midst is based on limited knowledge or tainted with hypocrisy. Genuine concern will make us evangelistic and missionary at home as well as abroad.

God has blessed Southern Baptists. One of every five people in our Convention territory is a Baptist. Much has been given to us and of us much will be required.

We must become enthusiastic, personal witnesses. There is a danger that we shall professionalize religion and depend entirely upon our preachers and paid workers to carry the gospel story. Every Christian should be an evangelist.

We must extend our witnessing by our gifts. The territory that we can reach with our personal testimonies is limited. Where we cannot go in person, we must send missionaries. We must send workers to the isolated rural sections, the unchurched communities in our cities, the underprivileged in centers of population, the pioneer areas in the West, to the Indians to whom we owe a peculiar obligation, to the six million foreign-speaking people ninety-five per cent of whom are unevangelized, and to every group of every color and race who knows not Christ.

We must reach these people here or face the charge of hypocrisy abroad. The foreigner, returning to his own land from America, will carry some conception of Christianity. If we have won him to the Lord while he is here, he will be the best ally our missionary can have. If we have failed to win him while he is here, he will be the most dangerous critic that Christianity can have abroad.

Truly, foreign missions waits on home missions. We must strengthen the home base. We must awaken our indifferent church members. We must bear a vital witness to the unevangelized in our own midst. We must give more largely to the Co-operative Program and to the special offerings for missionary work. We must lay our lives upon the altar to be used as God would use us.

The Home Mission Board stands beside every individual Baptist and every Baptist church to help them to give a good account of their stewardship in this day of unusual missionary challenge.



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A REAL SERVICE TO PREACHERS IN THE SOUTH

By Merrill D. Moore,
Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church,
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Recognizing the very limited access to good books which the average rural and small town minister in the south has, a service which is truly valuable has been made available by Vanderbilt University Library and Dr. John Louis Kesler to all ministers, primarily rural ministers in the southern section of the United States.

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Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, director of the Joint University Libraries of Nashville, says "It is generally agreed that the minister is one of the most influential leaders in shaping the life of our rural communities. To him our rural people turn for guidance, not merely in spiritual matters but in civic, moral, social and personal affairs. Given this strategic opportunity for personal community leadership, the rural minister's plight has been all too often that he lives in isolation without access to those printed resources that would enable him to keep in touch with current events and the progress and thought relating to his profession. Moreover, his remuneration is generally too meager to permit him to purchase helpful books and periodicals. In the south he has been especially handicapped because there are practically no rural libraries—less than 20 per cent of the rural people having access to libraries worthy of the name."

Ministers of thirty-four states use the Circulating Library with regularity. Of the 3800 registered users approximately 700 are Baptist preachers. Its service is primarily for rural ministers, but there are no restrictions even on that point. Even those in towns or cities who desire its services may avail themselves of them. It has been my own privilege to be a more or less regular user throughout the ten years of its operation. Even though it has been my fortunate privilege to live near splendid libraries, I have found in this Circulating Library books in the field of religion, Bible study, theology, etc., that I could not at all find in city libraries or even in college or university libraries ordinarily. There have, therefore, been available to me many books that would not have been available otherwise.

Southern Baptists are able to use this Library without obligating themselves in any way, or relating themselves in any way to any position to which they may not agree. The Library contains the best works in its field, including many of our foremost Southern Baptist authors and other authors whose works we find most

Baptist Institute Opened In Florida

The Florida Baptist Institute of Lakeland, Fla., now in its fourth year of operation, has been approved by the government for the entrance of veterans under the GI Bill of Rights, it is announced by President Leon M. Gambrell. The school, sponsored by the South Florida and adjoining Baptist Associations, is designed to train religious workers who do not possess grammar school or high school requirements for college or seminary entrance.

Forty students are now enrolled, most of them full-time pastors who are working for high school diplomas. Included in the student body are five Indians from the Everglades who are preparing to do full-time religious work among their own people.

The Florida Baptist Institute is filling a gap formerly occupied by the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans for training of non-high school graduates.

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LOUISIANA CLERGY PUSH ANTI-GAMBLING DRIVE

NEW ORLEANS—(RNS)—As Protestant clergymen of Louisiana's Jefferson parish awaited a reply from Governor James H. Davis to their "urgent request" that he abolish gambling in the parish, they considered the possibility of court action if the state executive does not accede to their demands.

The Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., president of the New Orleans Ministerial Union, said the group plans to consult with an attorney for advice on action to compel law enforcement.

The ministers are considering two actions. One is a petition to the court for padlock proceedings against the places of chance and the other is a request of District Attorney John E. Fleury for a grand jury investigation.

Meanwhile, the campaign against gambling in the state had spread to Baton Rouge where the Baton Rouge Ministerial Association asked city and parish authorities to take action against reported gambling there.

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N. C. Baptists Plan State-Wide Radio Network

RALEIGH, N. C.—(RNS)—The General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, meeting here, discussed plans for a proposed state-wide network of radio stations which would be operated under church control of a non-commercial basis, and referred the matter to an executive committee which will continue investigation of the plan along with a special radio committee. The executive committee was given power to act on the matter.

The board's special radio committee recommended that the convention apply for a license for a frequency modulation station to be located in Raleigh which would serve as the key station for a network extending throughout the state.

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Berlin Song To Promote Brotherhood

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Irving Berlin has written a new song called "Help Me To Help My Neighbor" and it has been adopted as the official song of the American Brotherhood movement of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The song will be extensively used during the observance of Brotherhood Week, February 16 to 23.

Words to the new song are:
Help me to help my neighbor;
Help me to understand;
Help me to hear the pleading
Of an outstretched, empty hand;
Help me to do to others
As I'd have them do to me;
Help me to help my neighbor
Whatever his faith may be;
Help me to see a heavy heart
Behind a smiling face;
Help me to judge as I'd be judged
If I were in his place;
The night is dark
And the way is long
On a road that has no end;
Help me to help my neighbor;
Help me to be his friend.

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Virginia Outlaws Snake- Handling By Cult

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—Biblical quotations echoed through the historic hall of the Virginia House of Delegates as the House debated and then overwhelmingly passed a bill making it unlawful for any person to handle poisonous reptiles in public gatherings in such a manner as to endanger human life. The bill, requested by Governor William M. Tuck, already had passed the State Senate.

Purpose of the legislation is to outlaw the handling of snakes by a Southwest Virginia cult which indulges in this practice as a demonstration of faith. Several persons have died from bites received during such demonstrations.

One delegate made a spirited attack on the proposed legislation, declaring it violated the principle of religious freedom. He said snake-handling may be repulsive to the vast majority of people but that to the cult members it was their way of worshipping. He warned that passage of the bill might lead to "tampering with and regulating" other churches.

"These people have no voice here," the delegate told his colleagues. "They don't even speak our language. They are different from city churches and city preachers. Yet their religion is just as vital and dear to them. . . . Maybe if some of the other churches had snakes, they'd get a better attendance."

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Main Street Deacons At Work

Rev. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is enthusiastic about the record set by his deacons on Sunday, January 6. Of 33 deacons, 29 were present, with excusable absences for the other four; 30 of them attended the first business meeting of the year with 3 excusable absences; 13 had perfect attendance records for 1946. Pastor Barnes commented on these records: "In all of my association with Baptist churches in four states we have yet to find deacons as faithful and loyal." Newly elected chairman of the deacons is George M. Causey. Other officers are 1st. vice chairman, M. A. Mayo; 2nd vice chairman, E. C. Fischel; secretary, T. W. Wright. Brother Causey succeeds G. M. McWilliams as chairman.

Mass Revival Is Not Sweeping Japan, Say Missionaries

TOKYO (By Wireless to RNS)—The Japanese people are undoubtedly interested in Christianity and what it can do for their country, but there is no revival sweeping the land as has been claimed in recent reports.

Despite many optimistic predictions both here and in the United States, no evidence exists that any mass movement into the Christian Church is about to take place, according to missionaries who are closely in touch with the situation today.

Sixteen months after a surrender the Protestant churches are still absorbed in problems of scattered congregations, lack of places to meet, insufficient pastoral support, frozen funds, and especially, at present, difficult transportation conditions. Congestion is so great that a regular speaking and touring schedule is impractical.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa's meetings do not appear to be attracting much notice beyond the group directly interested in promoting them. Kagawa is still the greatest drawing card for mass evangelism. He is giving his full time to the three-year evangelistic campaign sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Japan with the slogan "Three Million Souls for Christ."

However, the "twenty thousand converts" claimed for the past six months are not baptized Christians, but those who signed cards at meetings stating their intention or desire to learn more about Christianity, or perhaps their intention to become Christians. The number who actually join the church is said to be only a fraction of the card signers.

Pastors, with depleted physical energy which inevitably affects their spiritual vitality, are straining to get their churches on a sound basis. There are a number of local speakers who are quietly helping them to bring the church back to a higher level. But no mass movement or even spectacular growth has yet appeared.

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Musicians and choir directors will be interested in the following musical books recently received from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Revival Solos, compiled by J. Stratton Shufelt price 50c; The All-Girl Trio and Choir, arranged by Norman J. Clayton, price 35c; Low Voice No. 2, a collection of favorite gospel songs for baritone and alto soloists, compiled by Alfred B. Smith, price 50c; Singspiration No. 4, gospel songs and choruses compiled by Alfred B. Smith, price 35c; Treble Trios \$2, choice sacred songs beautifully arranged for women's voices by Alfred B. Smith, price 50c. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

Will Durant, noted philosopher, predicts a revival of religious faith in western civilization in the latter part of this century. "Europe today is torn between the Communist myth and spiritual faith," said Durant. "Man's desire is like two buckets on a rope. As the bucket of Utopia goes up, the bucket of religious faith goes down. Stalin's bucket of Utopia seems to have reached its highest level. A revulsion of feeling may be expected in Russia when the people realize that all the promises of material well-being do not materialize. It is possible that the Russians may become fanatically religious before this century ends."—Baptist Review.